

REMARKS

Claims 34-58 are pending. Claims 34-58 are the same as claims 34-58 in the parent application, 09/755,088.

Claims 34-41 correspond to claims 33-38, 41 and 46, respectively, of Köster et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,928,906.

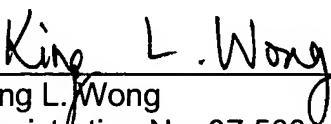
Claims 42-49 correspond to claims 17-22, 25 and 30, respectively, of Köster et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,928,906.

Claims 50-58 correspond to claims 1, 3-8, 13, and 16, respectively, of Köster et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,928,906.

The support for the limitations recited in claims 34-58 in the great grandparent application, 08/991,184, and in the priority document is discussed in a Preliminary Amendment filed on July 26, 2000 during the prosecution of the grandparent application, 09/357,166. A certified English translation of the priority document was filed in the great grandparent application, 08/991,184. Applicants request that the Patent Office grant a priority date of December 20, 1996 for the invention according to claims 34-58.

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